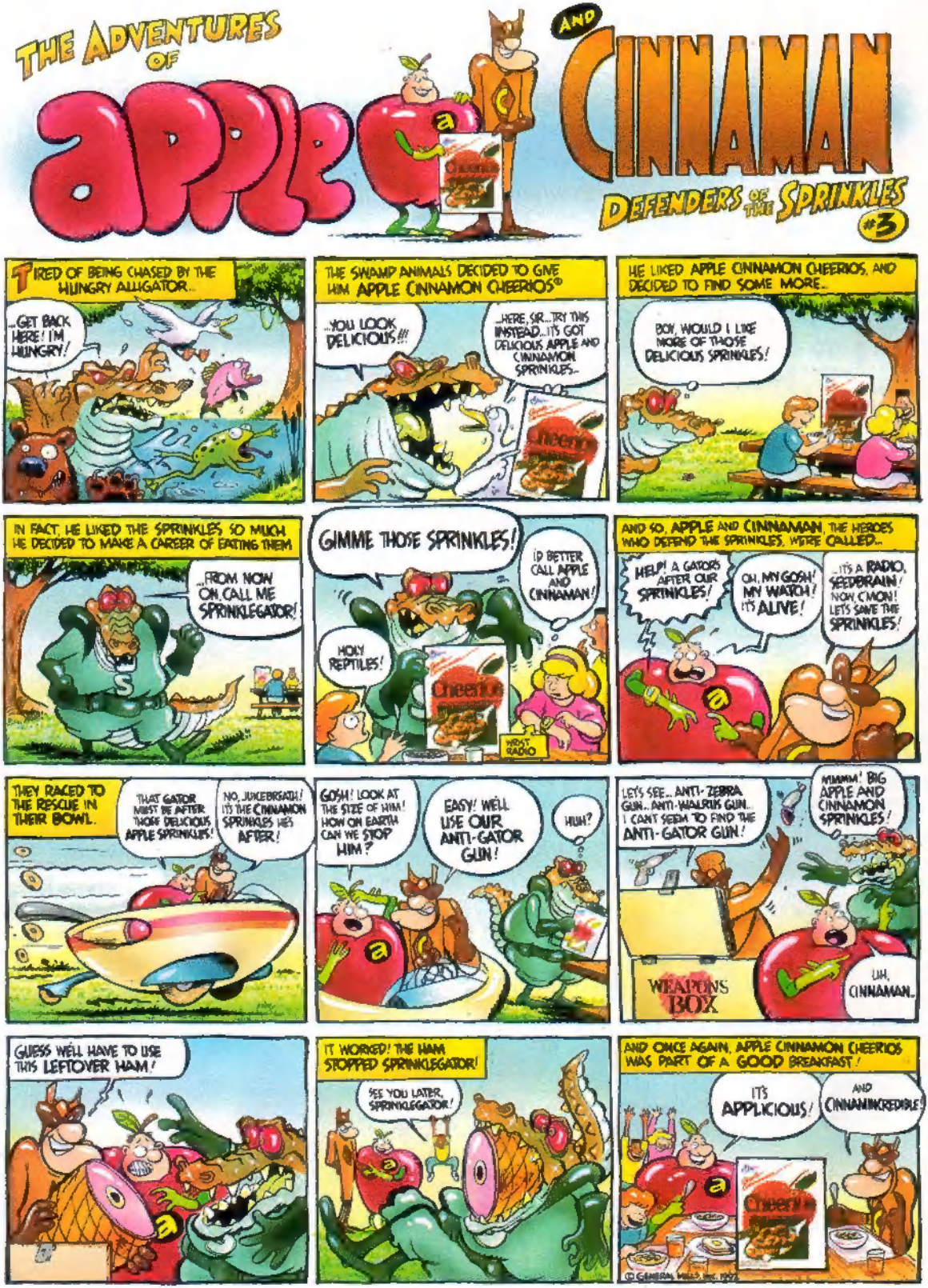
THE ADVENTURES OF
APPLE
AND
CINNAMAN
DEFENDERS OF THE SPRINKLES #3
TIRED OF BEING CHASED BY THE HUNGRY ALLIGATOR..
..GET BACK HERE! I'M HUNGRY!
THE SWAMP ANIMALS DECIDED TO GIVE HIM APPLE CINNAMON CHEERIOS®
..YOU LOOK DELICIOUS!!!
..HERE, SIR... TRY THIS INSTEAD... IT'S GOT DELICIOUS APPLE AND CINNAMON SPRINKLES..
HE LIKED APPLE CINNAMON CHEERIOS, AND DECIDED TO FIND SOME MORE..
BOY, WOULD I LIKE MORE OF THOSE DELICIOUS SPRINKLES!
IN FACT, HE LIKED THE SPRINKLES SO MUCH HE DECIDED TO MAKE A CAREER OF EATING THEM.
..FROM NOW ON, CALL ME SPRINKLEGATOR!
GIMME THOSE SPRINKLES!
I'D BETTER CALL APPLE AND CINNAMAN!
HOLY REPTILES!
AND SO, APPLE AND CINNAMAN, THE HEROES WHO DEFEND THE SPRINKLES, WERE CALLED..
HELP! A GATOR'S AFTER OUR SPRINKLES!
OH, MY GOSH! MY WATCH! IT'S ALIVE!
..IT'S A RADIO, SEEDBRAIN! NOW, C'MON! LET'S SAVE THE SPRINKLES!
THEY RACED TO THE RESCUE IN THEIR BOWL.
THAT GATOR MUST BE AFTER THOSE DELICIOUS APPLE SPRINKLES!
NO, JUKEBRAIN! IT'S THE CINNAMON SPRINKLES HE'S AFTER!
GOSH! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF HIM! HOW ON EARTH CAN WE STOP HIM?
EASY! WE'LL USE OUR ANTI-GATOR GUN!
HUH?
LET'S SEE... ANTI-ZEBRA GUN.. ANTI-WALRUS GUN.. I CAN'T SEEM TO FIND THE ANTI-GATOR GUN!
MMMM! BIG APPLE AND CINNAMON SPRINKLES!
WEAPONS BOX
UH, CINNAMAN..
GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO USE THIS LEFTOVER HAM!
IT WORKED! THE HAM STOPPED SPRINKLEGATOR!
SEE YOU LATER, SPRINKLEGATOR!
AND ONCE AGAIN, APPLE CINNAMON CHEERIOS WAS PART OF A GOOD BREAKFAST!
IT'S APPLICIOUS!
AND CINNAMINCREDIBLE!
Cheerios
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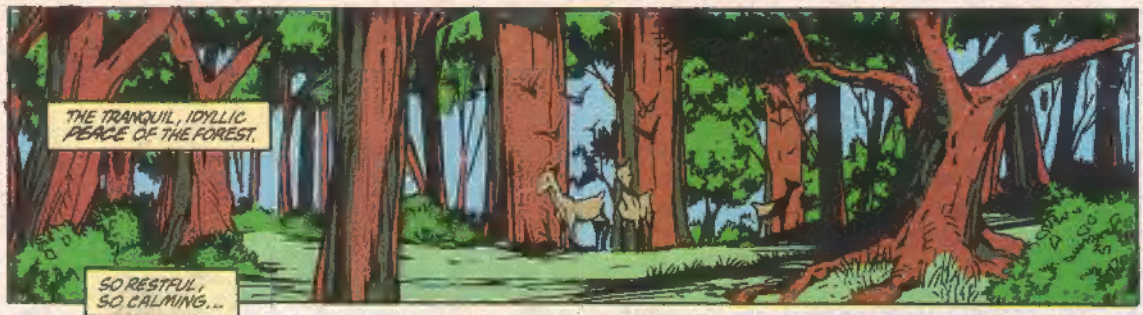

...SO EASILY SHATTERED!
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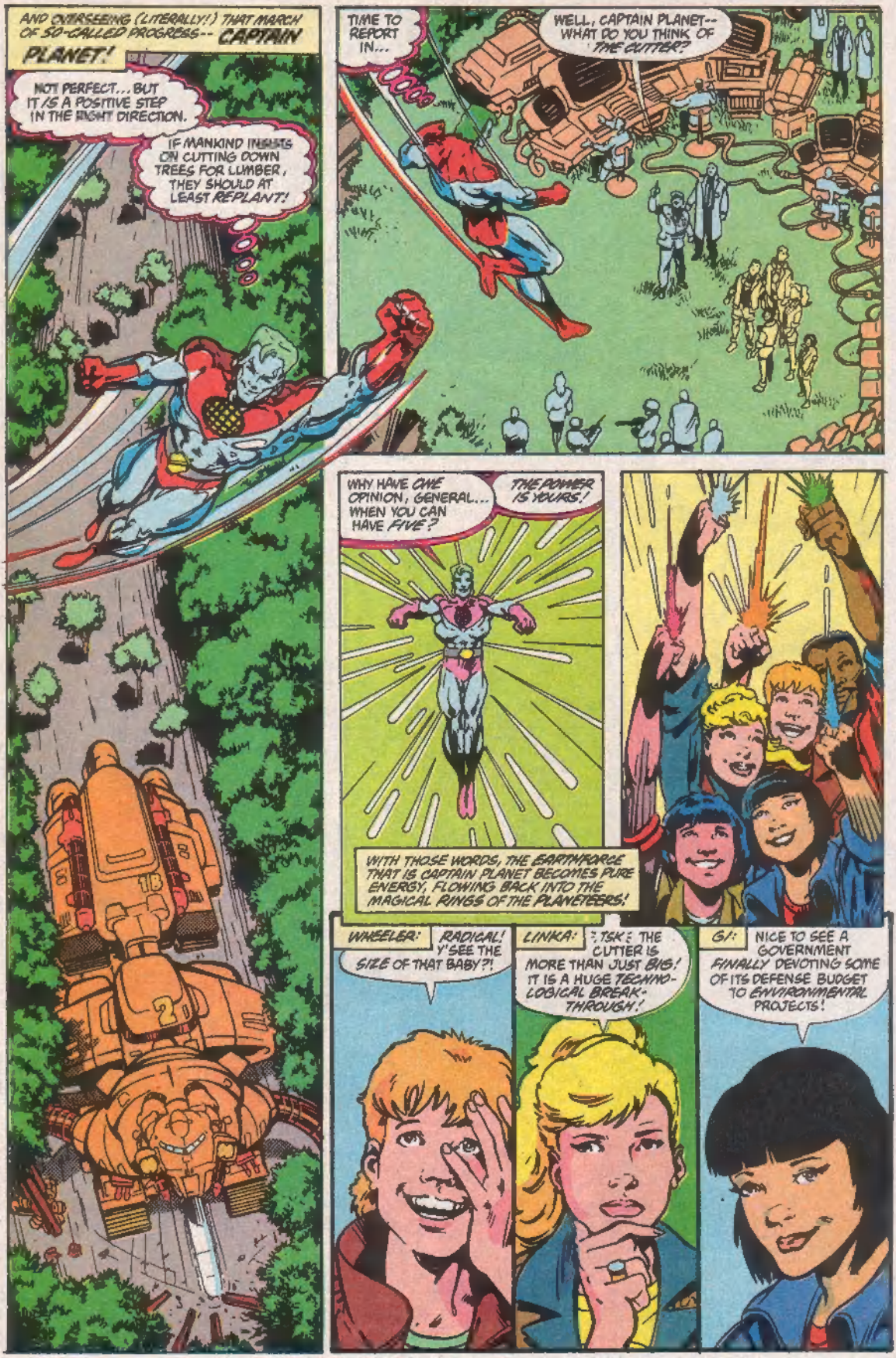
AND OVERSEEING (LITERALLY!) THAT MARCH OF SO-CALLED PROGRESS-- CAPTAIN PLANET!
NOT PERFECT... BUT IT IS A POSITIVE STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.
IF MANKIND INSISTS ON CUTTING DOWN TREES FOR LUMBER, THEY SHOULD AT LEAST REPLANT!
TIME TO REPORT IN...
WELL, CAPTAIN PLANET-- WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE CUTTER?
WHY HAVE ONE OPINION, GENERAL... WHEN YOU CAN HAVE FIVE?
THE POWER IS YOURS!
WITH THOSE WORDS, THE EARTHFORCE THAT IS CAPTAIN PLANET BECOMES PURE ENERGY, FLOWING BACK INTO THE MAGICAL RINGS OF THE PLANETEERS!
WHEELER:
RADICAL! Y'SEE THE SIZE OF THAT BABY?!
LINKA:
;TSK; THE CUTTER IS MORE THAN JUST BIG! IT IS A HUGE TECHNOLOGICAL BREAKTHROUGH!
GI:
NICE TO SEE A GOVERNMENT FINALLY DEVOTING SOME OF ITS DEFENSE BUDGET TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS!

KWAME: THE TREES RETURNED TO MOTHER EARTH AS SOON AS THEY'RE UPROOTED! YES, IT IS GOOD.
MA-TI:
MA-TI?
YOU CANNOT SENSE AS I CAN. ALL I HEAR IS TERROR... ANIMALS FLEEING AS THEIR HOMES ARE DESTROYED! ALL I SEE...
...IS A MONSTER!
I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, MA-TI. AFTER ALL, YOURS IS THE POWER OF HEART. BUT WHAT CAN WE DO?
THE WORLD WILL PERHAPS ALWAYS NEED LUMBER. BUT AT LEAST THIS WAY, NEW FORESTS WILL GROW IN PLACE OF THOSE FELLED, BREATHING LIFE TO THE PLANET.
SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO SETTLE FOR SECOND BEST.
HRRMPH! WHEN GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION COMES INTO EFFECT, ALL COMPANIES WHO WISH TO DEFOREST WOODLAND WILL HAVE TO DO IT WITH A CUTTER. IT'LL BE THE LAW!
NONE OF THEM UNDERSTANDS, NONE OF THEM! IT'S NOT JUST THE ANIMALS WHO SHOULD FEAR THE CUTTER--

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"-- IT'S MANKIND!"
NOW!
THEY'RE IN!
THE CUTTER--HNH! THE ONLY THING THAT MONSTROSITY WOULD CUT INTO... WOULD BE MY PROFITS!
WHO CARES ABOUT REPLACING TREES ANYWAY? FORESTS--A WASTE OF GOOD REAL ESTATE!
HIS NAME IS LOOTEN PLUNDER, AND ANYTHING THAT STANDS BETWEEN HIM AND AN EXTRA DOLLAR--

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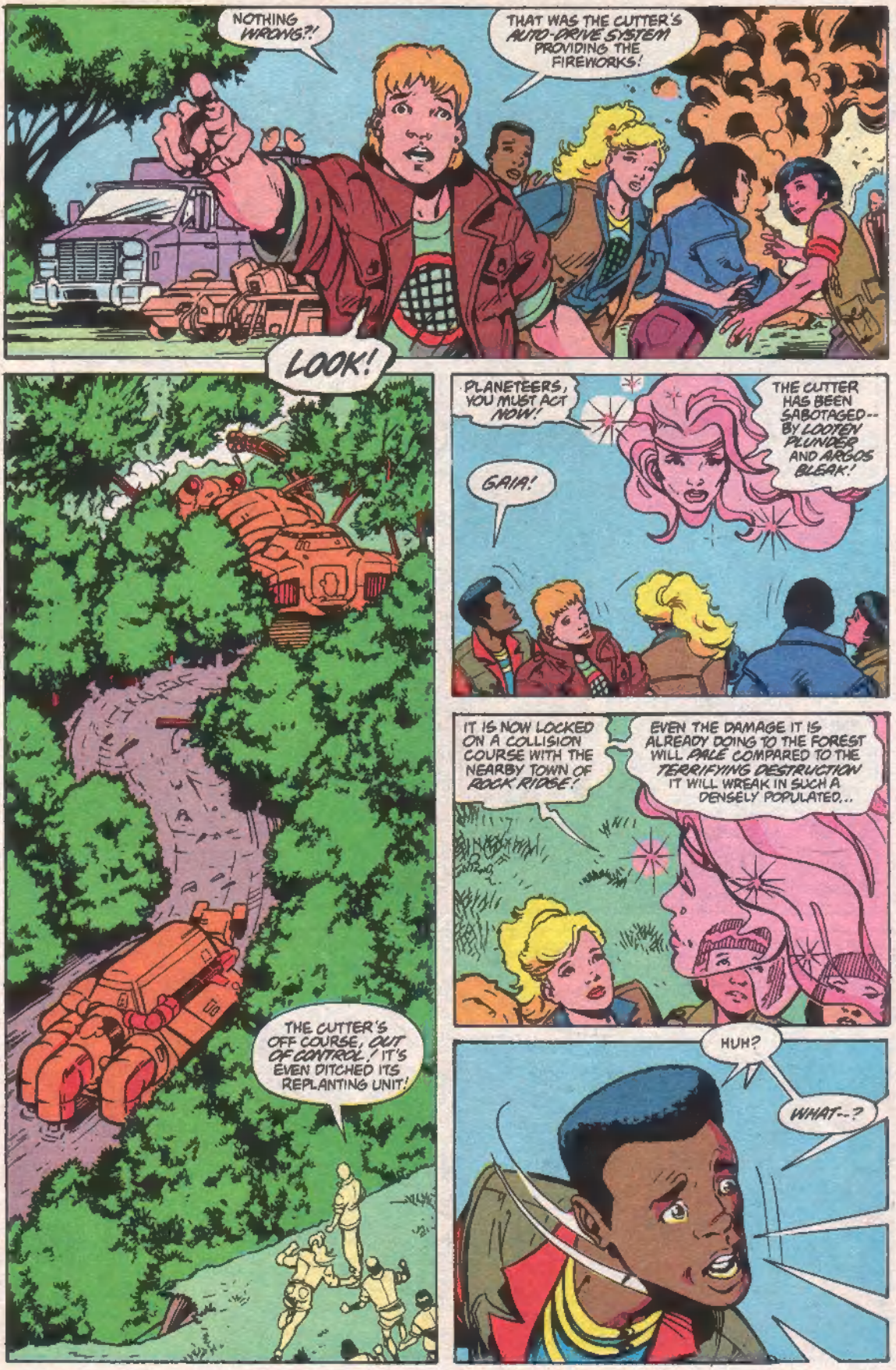
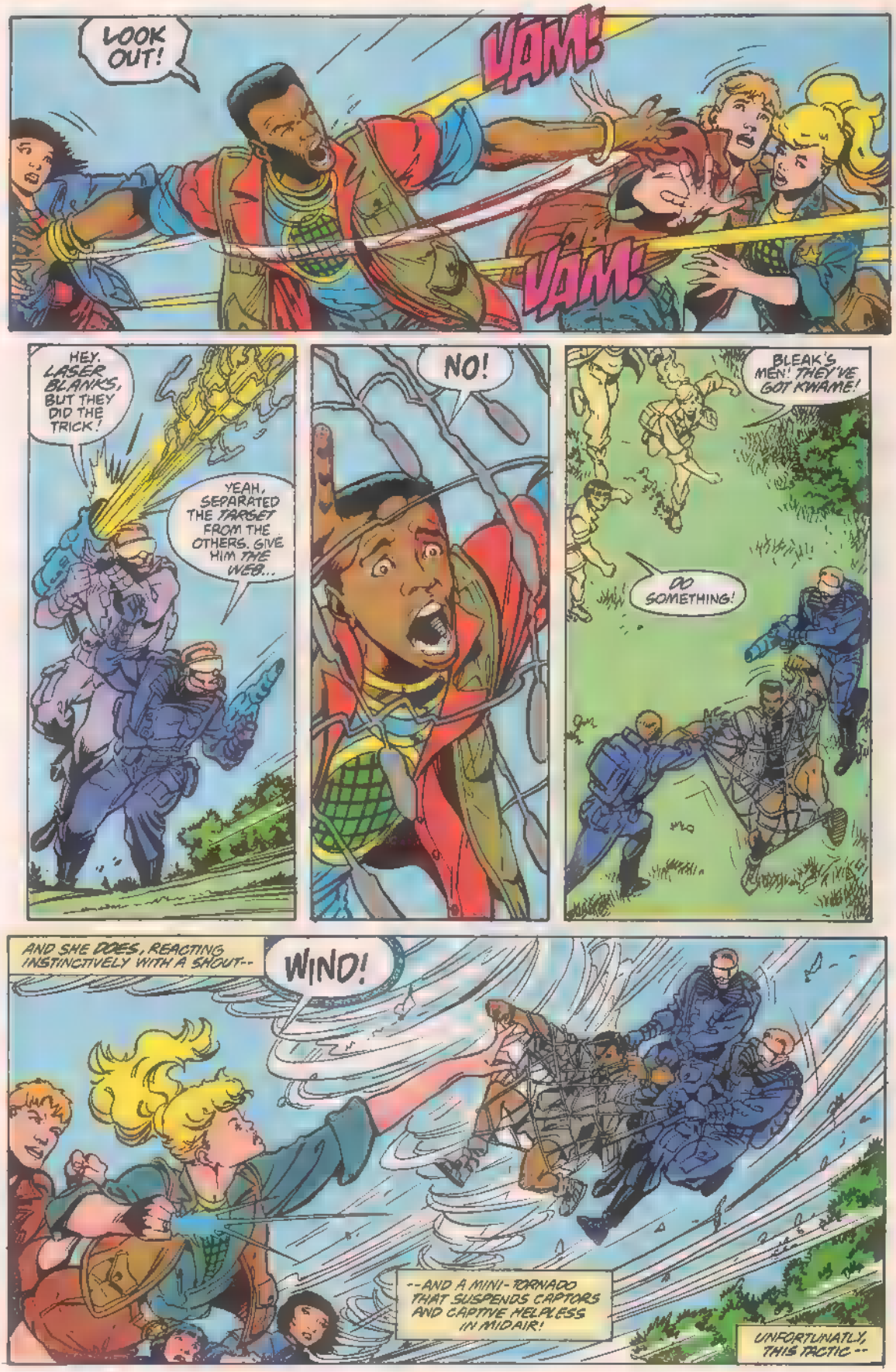
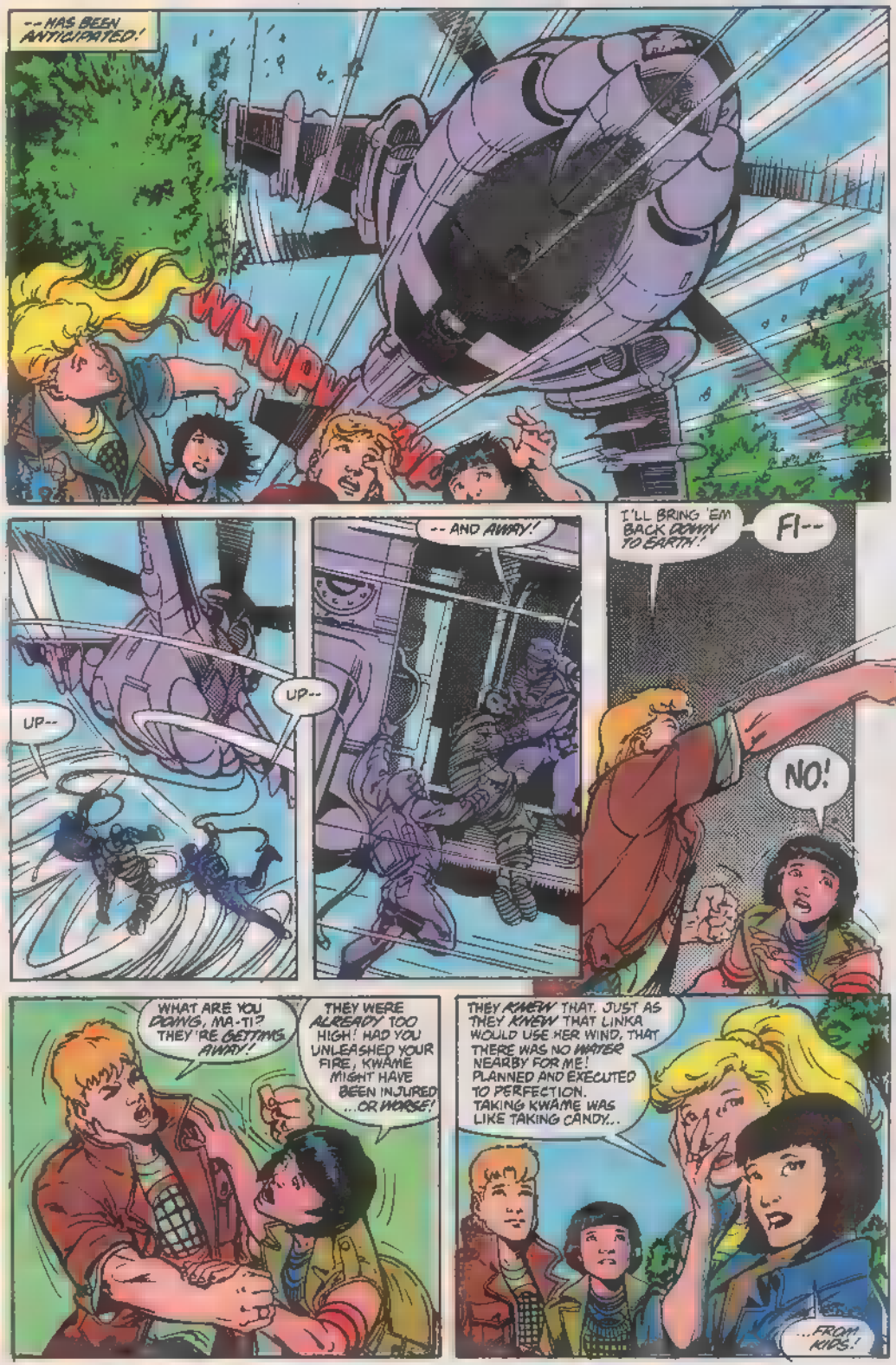
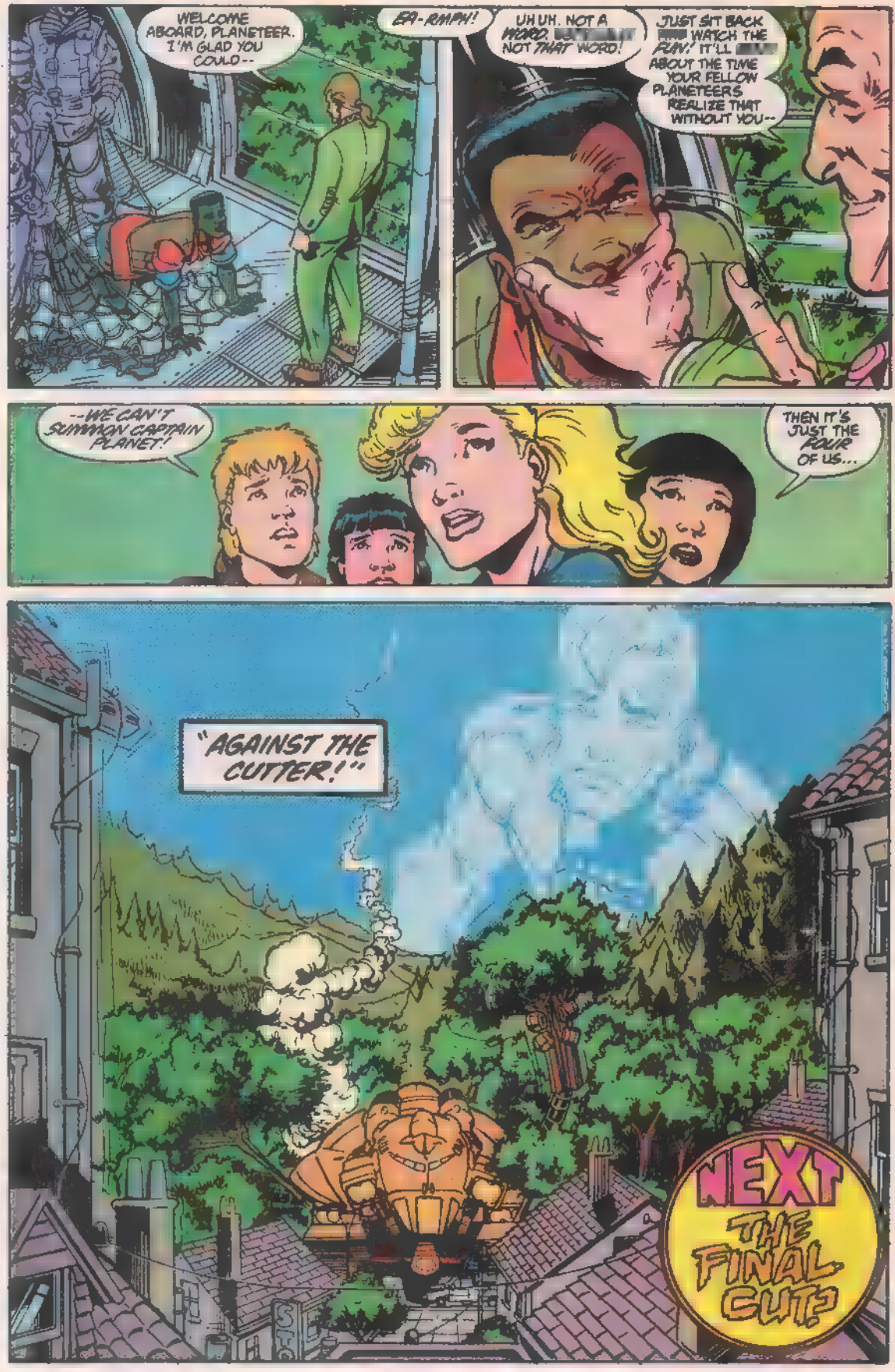
--ARE THE SCRAP MERCHANTS!
MM. MUCH AS I TRUST YOUR MERCENARY FORCE, BLEAK, WITH THE PLANETEERS -- AND THEREBY CAPTAIN PLANET -- PRESENT, IT PAYS TO TAKE OUT A LITTLE... INSURANCE!
WHAT?!
I DON'T LIKE THIS. SOMETHING'S WRONG!
YOU WORK THAT OUT ALL ALONE, ROOSKIE-TOOTSKIE, OR DID YOU HAVE HELP?
THERE'S BEEN SOMETHING WRONG EVER SINCE THAT CHOPPER BUZZED THE CUTTER. FROM THEIR REACTIONS THAT WASN'T NO ARMY BIRD!
MAYBE WE'RE OVERREACTING. THERE COULD BE NOTHING WRONG, JUST A--
KA BI-IAAM!


NOTHING WRONG?!
THAT WAS THE CUTTER'S AUTO-DRIVE SYSTEM PROVIDING THE FIREWORKS!
LOOK!
THE CUTTER'S OFF COURSE, OUT OF CONTROL! IT'S EVEN DITCHED ITS REPLANTING UNIT!
PLANETEERS, YOU MUST ACT NOW!
GAIA!
THE CUTTER HAS BEEN SABOTAGED-- BY LOOTEN PLUNDER AND ARGOS BLEAK!
IT IS NOW LOCKED ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH THE NEARBY TOWN OF ROCK RIDGE!
EVEN THE DAMAGE IT IS ALREADY DOING TO THE FOREST WILL PALE COMPARED TO THE TERRIFYING DESTRUCTION IT WILL WREAK IN SUCH A DENSELY POPULATED...
HUH?
WHAT--?


LOOK OUT!
VAM!
VAM!
HEY, LASER BLANKS, BUT THEY DID THE TRICK!
YEAH, SEPARATED THE TARGET FROM THE OTHERS. GIVE HIM THE WEB...
NO!
BLEAK'S MEN! THEY'VE GOT KWAME!
DO SOMETHING!
AND SHE DOES, REACTING INSTINCTIVELY WITH A SHOUT--
WIND!
--AND A MINI-TORNADO THAT SUSPENDS CAPTORS AND CAPTIVE HELPLESS IN MIDAIR!
UNFORTUNATLY, THIS TACTIC --


--HAS BEEN ANTICIPATED!
WHUPW
UP--
UP--
-- AND AWAY!
I'LL BRING 'EM BACK DOWN TO EARTH!
FI--
NO!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MA-TI? THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!
THEY WERE ALREADY TOO HIGH! HAD YOU UNLEASHED YOUR FIRE, KWAME MIGHT HAVE BEEN INJURED ...OR WORSE!
THEY KNEW THAT. JUST AS THEY KNEW THAT LINKA WOULD USE HER WIND, THAT THERE WAS NO WATER NEARBY FOR ME! PLANNED AND EXECUTED TO PERFECTION. TAKING KWAME WAS LIKE TAKING CANDY...
...FROM KIDS!


WELCOME ABOARD, PLANETEER. I'M GLAD YOU COULD--
EA-RMPH!
UH UH. NOT A WORD. NOT THAT WORD!
JUST SIT BACK AND WATCH THE FUN! IT'LL BE ABOUT THE TIME YOUR FELLOW PLANETEERS REALIZE THAT WITHOUT YOU--
--WE CAN'T SUMMON CAPTAIN PLANET!
THEN IT'S JUST THE FOUR OF US...
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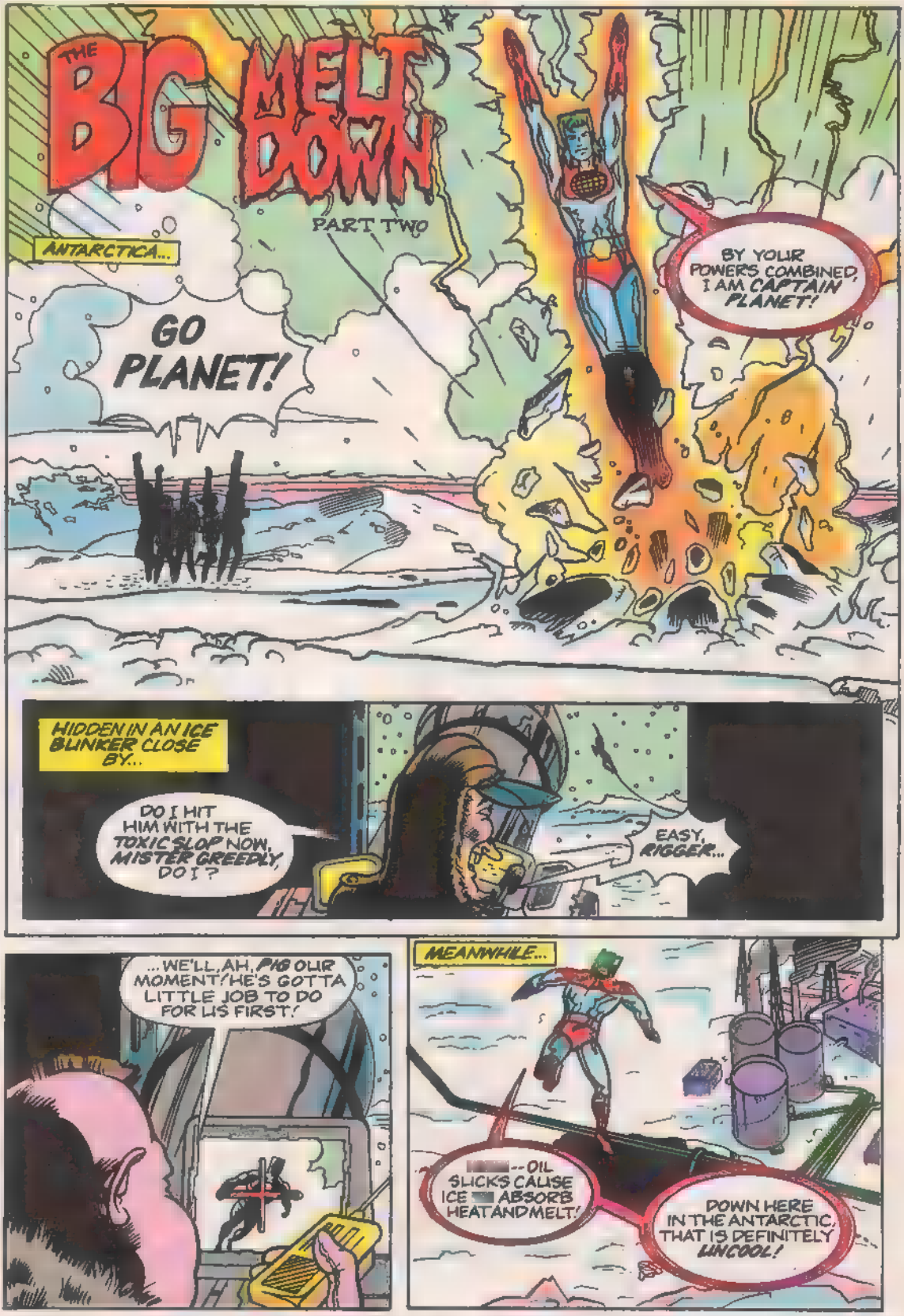
THE BIG MELT DOWN
PART TWO
ANTARCTICA...
GO PLANET!
BY YOUR POWERS COMBINED, I AM CAPTAIN PLANET!
HIDDEN IN AN ICE BUNKER CLOSE BY...
DO I HIT HIM WITH THE TOXIC SLOP NOW, MISTER GREEDLY, DO I?
EASY, RIGGER...
...WE'LL, AH, PIG OUR MOMENT! HE'S GOTTA LITTLE JOB TO DO FOR US FIRST!
MEANWHILE...
--OIL SLICKS CAUSE ICE ABSORB HEAT AND MELT!
DOWN HERE IN THE ANTARCTIC, THAT IS DEFINITELY UNCOOL!

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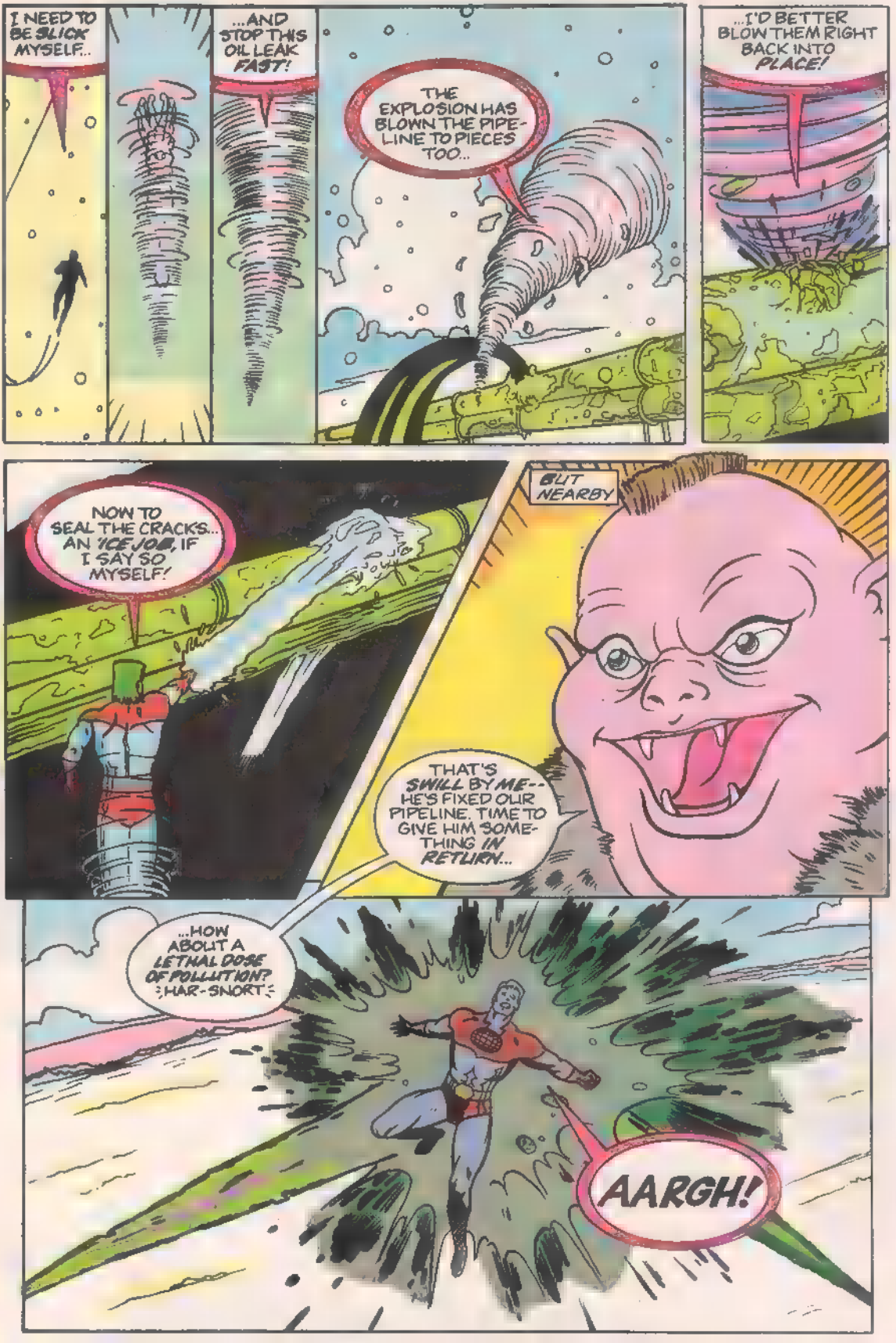
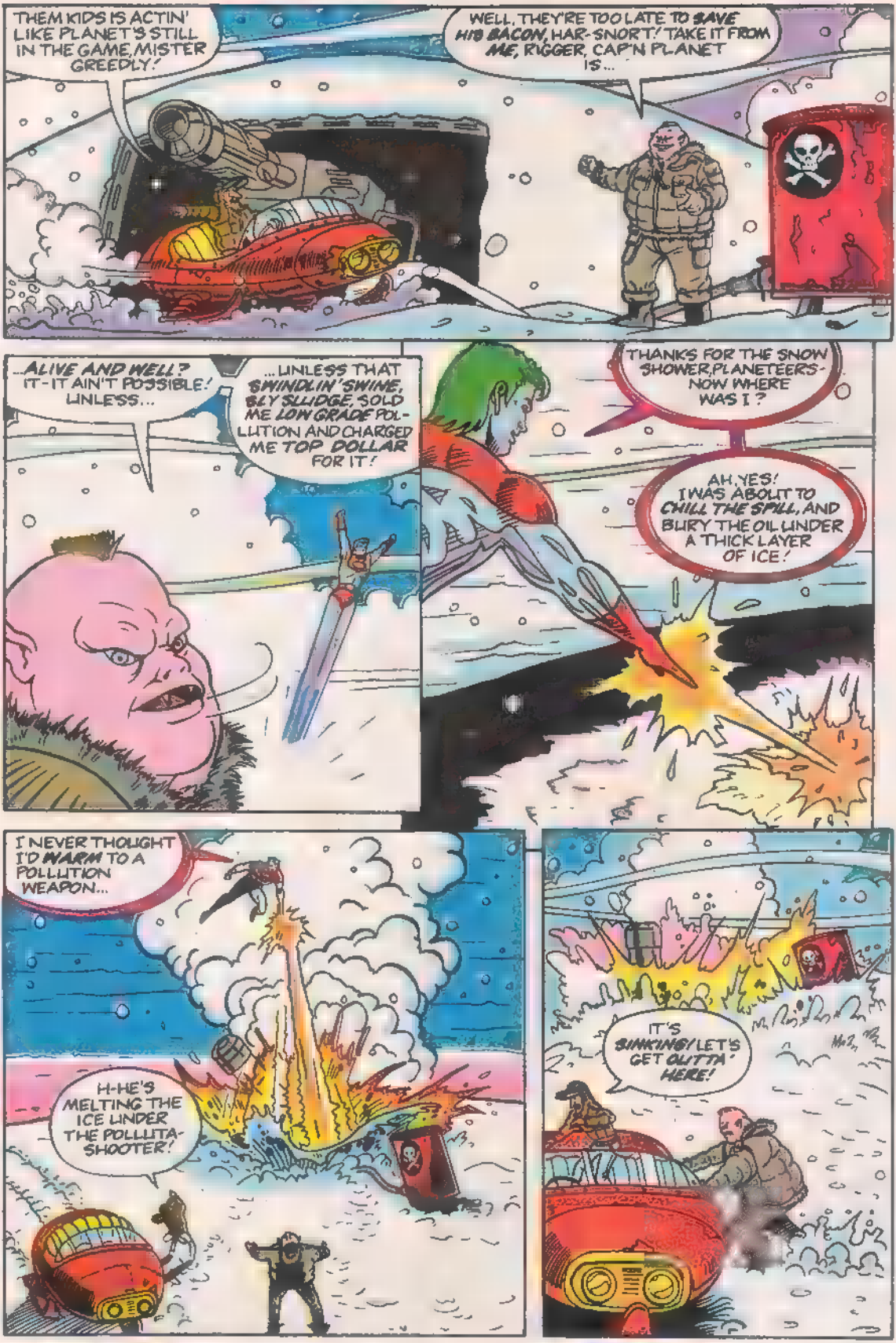
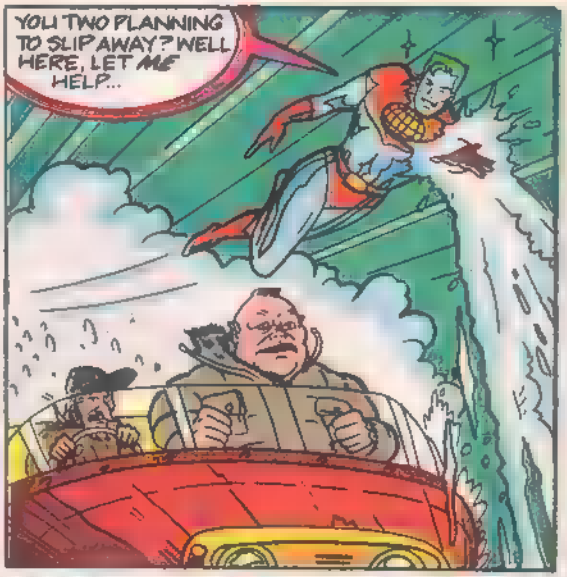
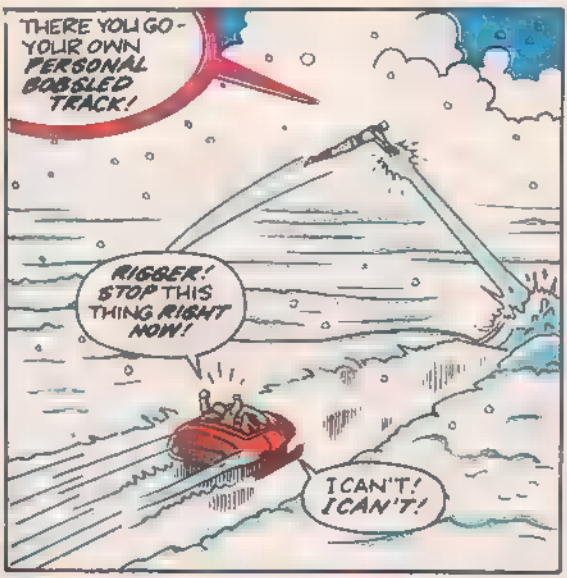
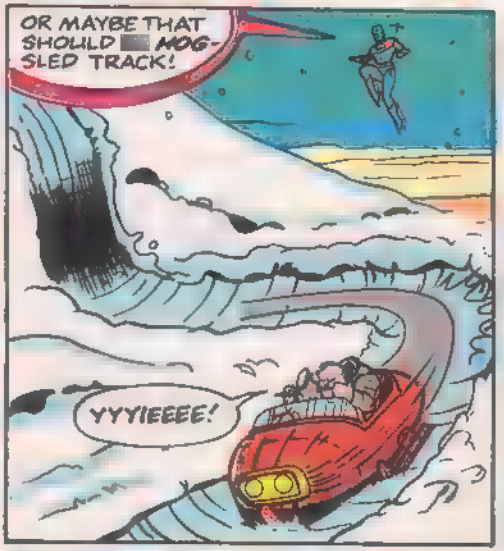

I NEED TO BE SLICK MYSELF...
...AND STOP THIS OIL LEAK FAST!
THE EXPLOSION HAS BLOWN THE PIPE-LINE TO PIECES TOO...
...I'D BETTER BLOW THEM RIGHT BACK INTO PLACE!
NOW TO SEAL THE CRACKS... AN 'ICE JOB', IF I SAY SO MYSELF!
BUT NEARBY
THAT'S SWILL BY ME-- HE'S FIXED OUR PIPELINE. TIME TO GIVE HIM SOME-THING IN RETURN...
...HOW ABOUT A LETHAL DOSE OF POLLUTION? ;HAR-SNORT;
AARGH!

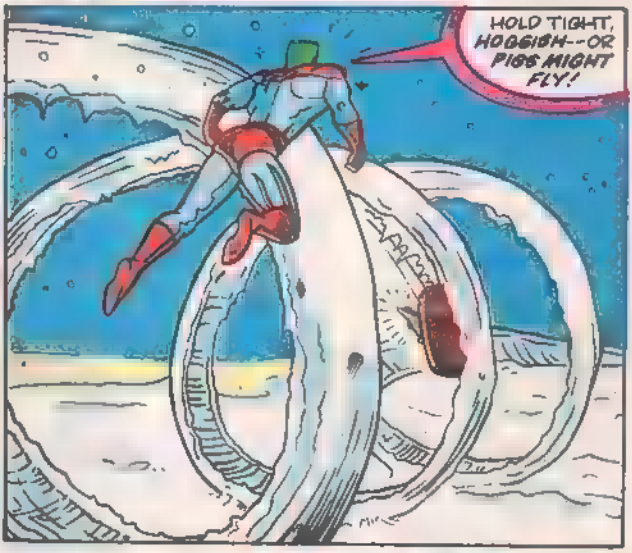
CAPTAIN PLANET!
QUICKLY, PLANETEERS--HE NEEDS OUR HELP NOW!
HOGWASH--HE'S BEYOND HELP! SLY SLUDGE* PROMISED ME THE DIRTIEST CHEMICAL WASTE MONEY COULD BUY!
RIGGER, COME AND PICK ME UP IN THAT SKI-BOB O' YOURS!
*SLY SLUDGE IS AN INFAMOUS, EVIL ECO-VILLAIN.
THAT MUST BE THE SHIPMENT FROM SLY SLUDGE THAT WE WERE AFTER ALL ALONG. GI!
AND WE SUMMONED CAPTAIN PLANET INTO A TRAP WHERE IT'S BEEN USED AGAINST HIM!- OH, WHEELER, IT'S OUR FAULT HE'S --
NO!
TAKE HEART, PLANETEERS! I SENSE CAPTAIN PLANET HAS BEEN WEAKENED--BUT HE IS NOT SERIOUSLY HURT!
LET'S GET [redacted] IT! WE CAN WASH OFF THE POLLUTION WITH SNOW AND ICE!


THEM KIDS IS ACTIN' LIKE PLANET'S STILL IN THE GAME, MISTER GREEDLY!
WELL, THEY'RE TOO LATE TO SAVE HIS BACON, HAR-SNORT! TAKE IT FROM ME, RIGGER, CAP'N PLANET IS...
...ALIVE AND WELL? IT-IT AIN'T POSSIBLE! UNLESS...
...UNLESS THAT SWINDLIN' SWINE, SLY SLUDGE, SOLD ME LOW GRADE POLLUTION AND CHARGED ME TOP DOLLAR FOR IT!
THANKS FOR THE SNOW SHOWER, PLANETEERS - NOW WHERE WAS I?
AH, YES! I WAS ABOUT TO CHILL THE SPILL, AND BURY THE OIL UNDER A THICK LAYER OF ICE!
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D WARM TO A POLLUTION WEAPON...
H-HE'S MELTING THE ICE UNDER THE POLLUTA-SHOOTER!
IT'S SINKING! LET'S GET OUTTA' HERE!

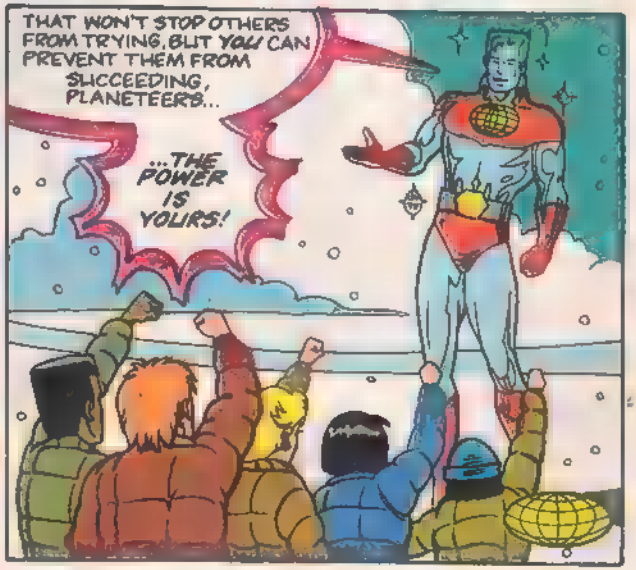

YOU! TWO PLANNING TO SLIP AWAY? WELL HERE, LET ME HELP...


THERE YOU GO - YOUR OWN PERSONAL BOBSLED TRACK!
RIGGER! STOP THIS THING RIGHT NOW!
I CAN'T! I CAN'T!


OR MAYBE THAT SHOULD [redacted] MOG-SLED TRACK!
YYYIEEEE!


HOLD TIGHT, HOGGISH--OR PIGS MIGHT FLY!

I RECKON THEY'LL PUT THE IDEA OF RAIDING THE ANT-ARCTIC'S RESOURCES ON ICE FOR NOW...


THAT WON'T STOP OTHERS FROM TRYING, BUT YOU CAN PREVENT THEM FROM SUCCEEDING, PLANETEERS...
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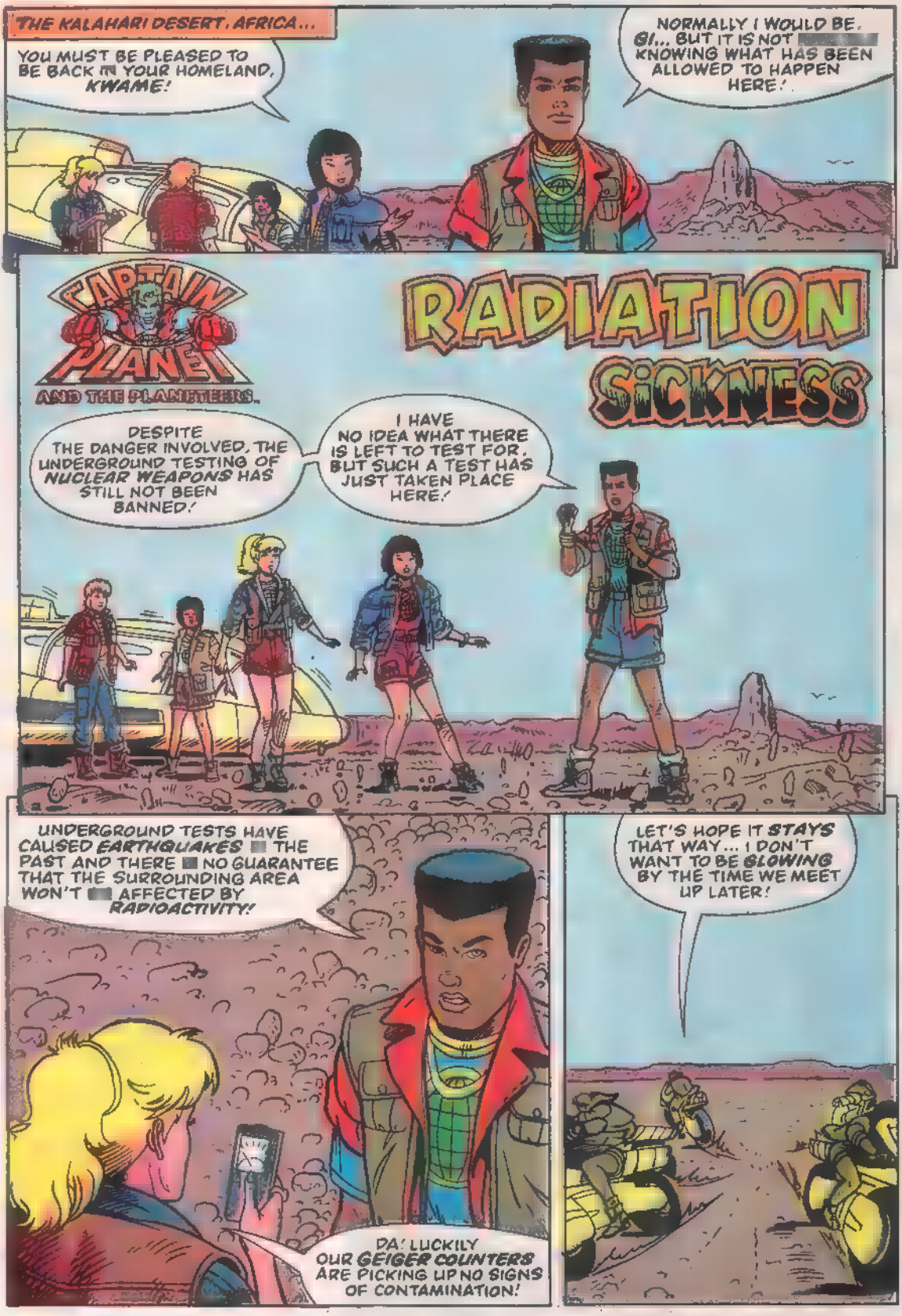
THE KALAHARI DESERT, AFRICA...
YOU MUST BE PLEASED TO BE BACK IN YOUR HOMELAND, KWAME!
NORMALLY I WOULD BE, GI... BUT IT IS NOT [redacted] KNOWING WHAT HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO HAPPEN HERE!
CAPTAIN PLANET AND THE PLANETEERS
RADIATION SICKNESS
DESPITE THE DANGER INVOLVED, THE UNDERGROUND TESTING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS HAS STILL NOT BEEN BANNED!
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THERE IS LEFT TO TEST FOR, BUT SUCH A TEST HAS JUST TAKEN PLACE HERE!
UNDERGROUND TESTS HAVE CAUSED EARTHQUAKES [redacted] THE PAST AND THERE [redacted] NO GUARANTEE THAT THE SURROUNDING AREA WON'T [redacted] AFFECTED BY RADIOACTIVITY!
LET'S HOPE IT STAYS THAT WAY... I DON'T WANT TO BE GLOWING BY THE TIME WE MEET UP LATER!
PA! LUCKILY OUR GEIGER COUNTERS ARE PICKING UP NO SIGNS OF CONTAMINATION!

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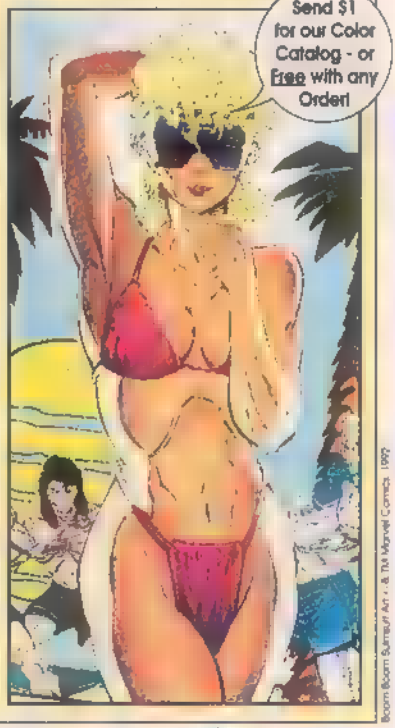

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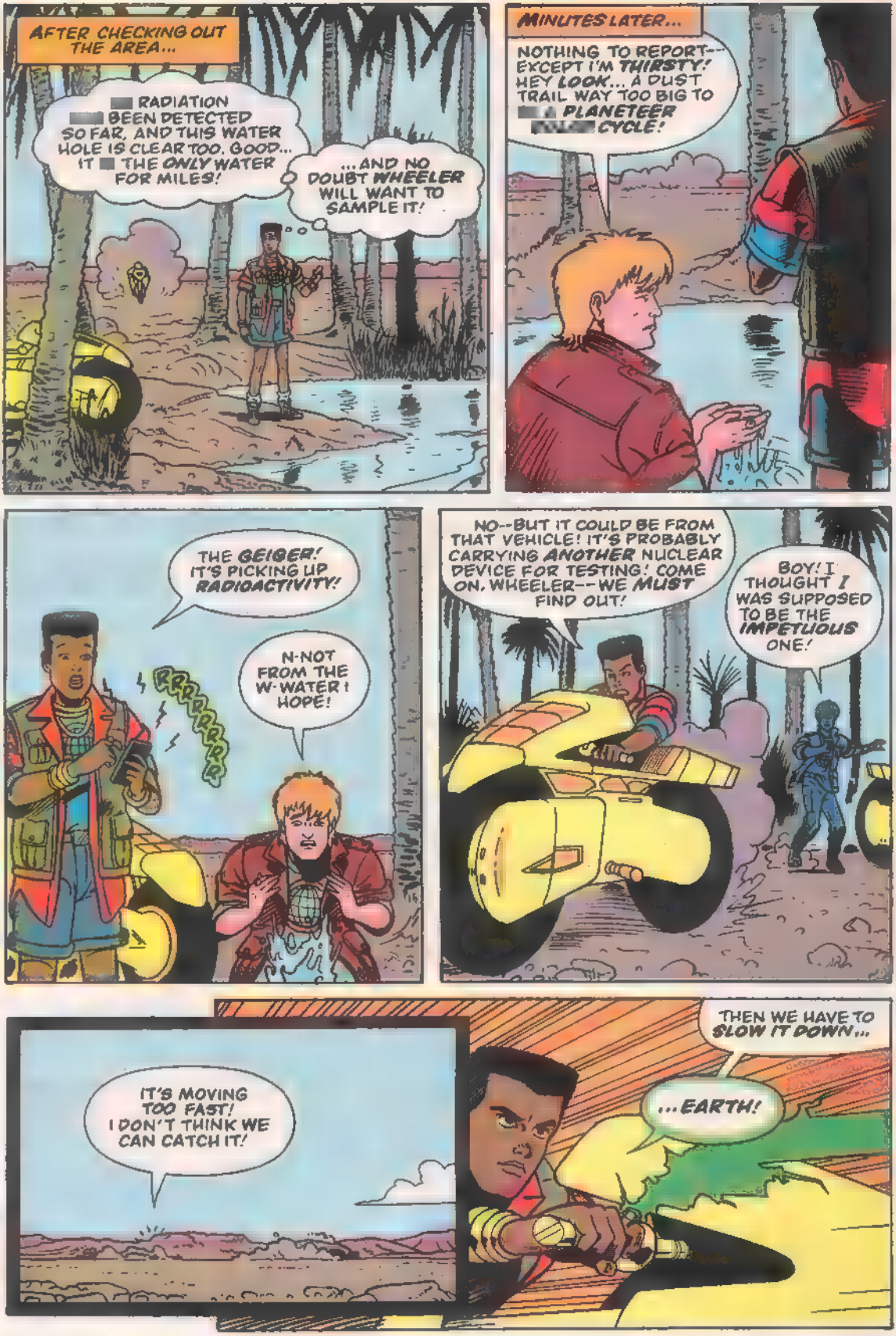
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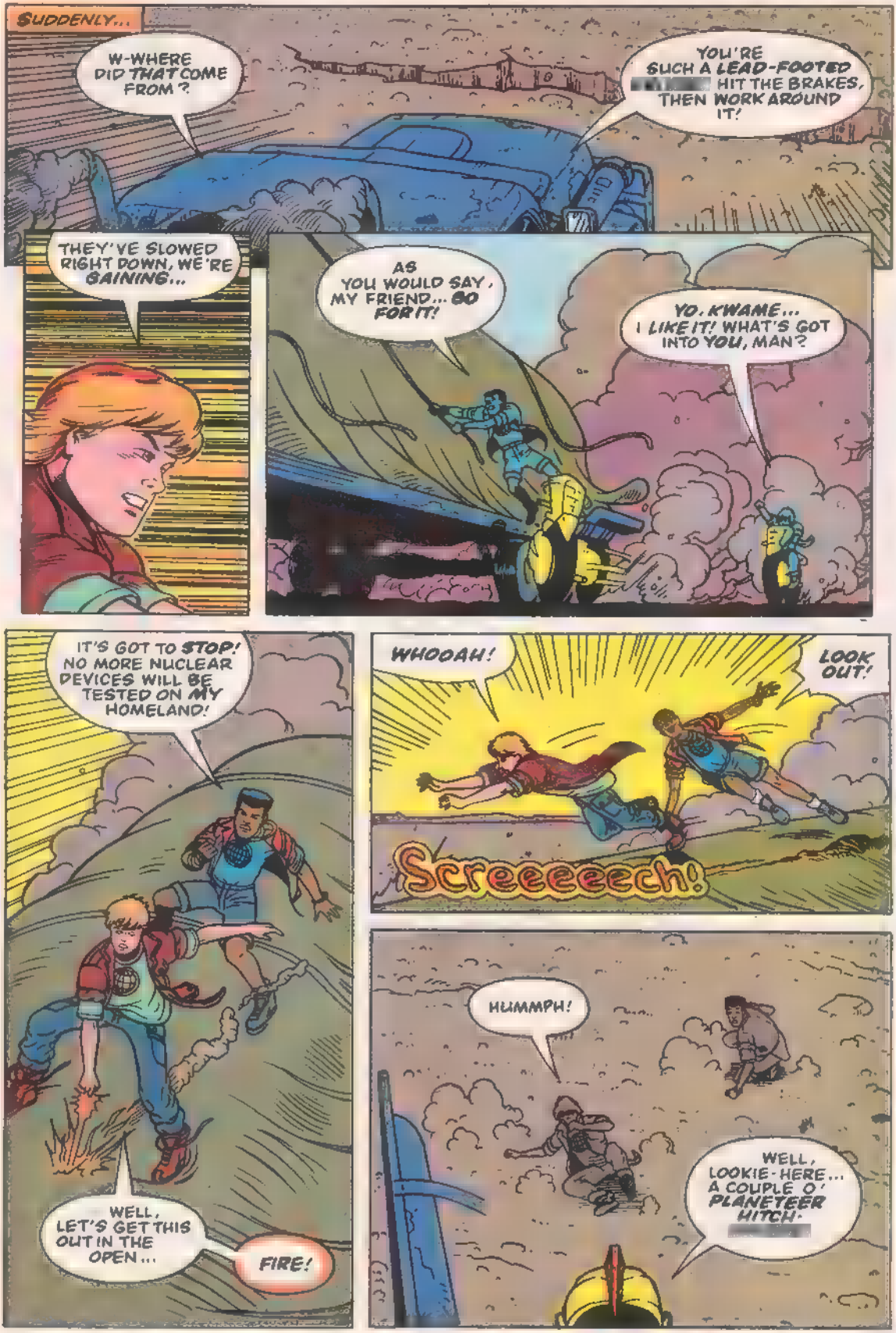
RADIATION BEEN DETECTED SO FAR, AND THIS WATER HOLE IS CLEAR TOO. GOOD... IT ■ THE ONLY WATER FOR MILES!
...AND NO DOUBT WHEELER WILL WANT TO SAMPLE IT!
MINUTES LATER...
NOTHING TO REPORT-- EXCEPT I'M THIRSTY! HEY LOOK... A DUST TRAIL WAY TOO BIG TO ■ PLANETEER ■ CYCLE!
THE GEIGER! IT'S PICKING UP RADIOACTIVITY!
N-NOT FROM THE W-WATER! HOPE!
RRRRRRRR
NO--BUT IT COULD BE FROM THAT VEHICLE! IT'S PROBABLY CARRYING ANOTHER NUCLEAR DEVICE FOR TESTING! COME ON, WHEELER--WE MUST FIND OUT!
BOY! I THOUGHT I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE IMPETUOUS ONE!
IT'S MOVING TOO FAST! I DON'T THINK WE CAN CATCH IT!
THEN WE HAVE TO SLOW IT DOWN...
...EARTH!


SUDDENLY...
W-WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?
YOU'RE SUCH A LEAD-FOOTED [redacted] HIT THE BRAKES, THEN WORK AROUND IT!
THEY'VE SLOWED RIGHT DOWN, WE'RE GAINING...
AS YOU WOULD SAY, MY FRIEND... GO FOR IT!
YO, KWAME... I LIKE IT! WHAT'S GOT INTO YOU, MAN?
IT'S GOT TO STOP! NO MORE NUCLEAR DEVICES WILL BE TESTED ON MY HOMELAND!
WELL, LET'S GET THIS OUT IN THE OPEN...
FIRE!
WHOOAH!
LOOK OUT!
Screeeeech!
HUMMPH!
WELL, LOOKIE-HERE... A COUPLE O' PLANETEER HITCH-[redacted]

BULLPEN BULLETINS

MARVEL COMICS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes!

Take warning! Today's tantalizing little treatise is gonna be one big, unblushing, unabashed plug! Much as I try not to sully the cultural purity of this prize-winning column (No lie! I awarded myself a no-prize only last week), I can hold back no longer! The time has come to shamelessly huckster one of the greatest projects Marvel has ever offered the pantin' public!

I had no intention of writing about it this month — but then, I saw some pages! I tell you true, they blew me away! The artwork! The action! The characters! The stories! They represent the peak of superhero excitement! And these are just the first issues! Just imagine what'll happen when we begin to figure out what the heck we're doing!

But none of this humongous hype will mean anything if I don't tell you the name of the mags that have me semi-delirious! Although, chances are you've already guessed what I'm leading up to in my carefully restrained, low-key way! All of comicdom has been wondering and whispering about Marvel's long-awaited 100-year leap into the next century of superhero sagas — the daring new series which spans ten dangerous decades in order to bring us to a breathtakingly new and startling world — a world of the horrible and the heroic, the weird and the wonderful, the violent and the valorous — in short, the totally awesome, mind-staggering world of — MARVEL 2099!

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I've seen the artwork! I've read the scripts! I've shared the excitement racing madly through the Bullpen and I tell you this — there has never been a new comicbook project more eagerly awaited or more passionately created! SPIDER-MAN 2099! PUNISHER 2099! DR. DOOM 2099! And they're only the beginning! Yes, MARVEL 2099 may well be the most sensational new line of the next ten decades!

Okay! I warned you that this would be an unadulterated plug! But it wasn't written just to sell a few extra copies; matter of fact the mags aren't even available yet! It was written to alert you, as one friend to another, when they do go on sale, don't miss a single copy of the MARVEL 2099 series slip away, because this is a golden opportunity, for you and us together, to be in at the start of a legend!

Excelsior

Stan

Stan Lee

"TAKE ME OUT TO THE COMIC BOOK SHOP!" This is a familiar cry that rings out every year at about this time. School's out, the weather is hot, and children of all ages and shoe sizes are looking for new ways to enjoy the new national pastime — comic books! All across the nation, eager readers are keeping their eye firmly on the comic racks, choking up on their wallets, ready to take a swing at a new series, hoping for a home run. Truly it is a joyous time for all.

There is plenty of joy in Marvelville this past April, as the Marvel editorial all-stars took off a few rainy days in April for the warmer climes of California. The line-up looked like this: Stan **Lee**, who is the Abner Doubleday of Marvel, Manager **Tom DeFalco**, Benchwarmer Ralph **Gruenwald**, Outfielder **Carl Potts**, Switch-hitter **Fabian Nicieza**, Shortstop **Bobbie Chase**, and Star Rookie **Hildy Mesnik**. The Marvel boys 'n girls of summer headed in California to round the promotional bases, and actually wound up performing something of a double-header.

They first stepped up to the plate in Oakland where they threw out the first ball at a local comics convention. If the roar of the crowd was any indication, the Marvel madmen scored quite a hit with their "exhibition games." Among other hair-raising heroics, Tom D. performed his famous "popping a balloon by sitting on it" trick, Bobbie Chase juggled unjuggliable garments, Mark demonstrated his face's affinity for shaving cream pies, and Fabian caught M&M's in his mouth. A Marvel scout was heard to remark that "Fabian has a good eye. I'm not crazy about his nose, but the kid has a good eye." The convention featured all these Marvel madmen playing their best game; everyone gave 110%. As one spectator noted at the time, "They really came here to play ... with the possible exception of DeFalco, who may have come just for the promise of free peanuts and crackerjacks!"

The Marvelballers carried their winning streak over to **George Lucas**'s special effects company, Industrial Light and Magic, located at a secret location in _____, California. Although Tom's titans didn't have the home field advantage, they still came through like champions. At ILM, DeFalco's dreadnaughts presented an hour and a half talk about Marvel as part of ILM's guest-lecture series. The speech went over like a grand slam, with the Marvel team committing only a few errors. (Fortunately for all, the speech did not go into extra innings.)

Having completed this double play of shmoozing, the Marvel team headed for home. Back at our home field of comic book dreams, the Marvel bullpen was treated to visits by a few famous heavy-hitters. These illustrious guests were not sluggers — rather, they were musicians! First up was half of the famous Rap 'n Play rap team — none other than Hall of Famer, **Kid**! Kid was a good sport — you could say he really came to play. (Unfortunately, Play didn't come to *kid*.) Kid really did stop by — would we kid you about a thing like that?

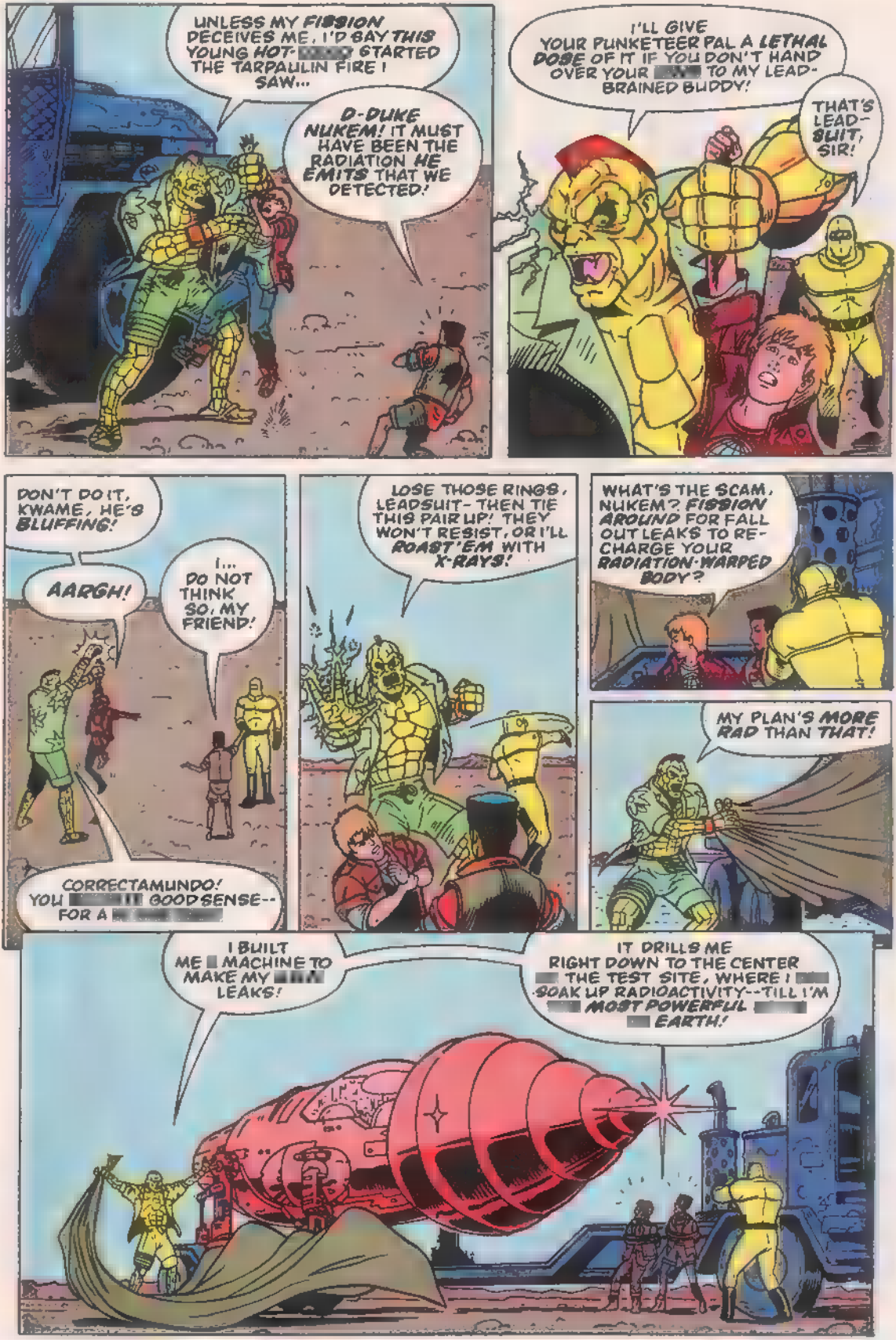
Hot on heavy metal group **War Babies** also dropped by the bullpen, to witness our hardworking team in action went through spring training. Fans of hard-rockin' music should check out the War Babies new album — these guys may never play the National Anthem at Yankee Stadium, but their music is ready for the major leagues!

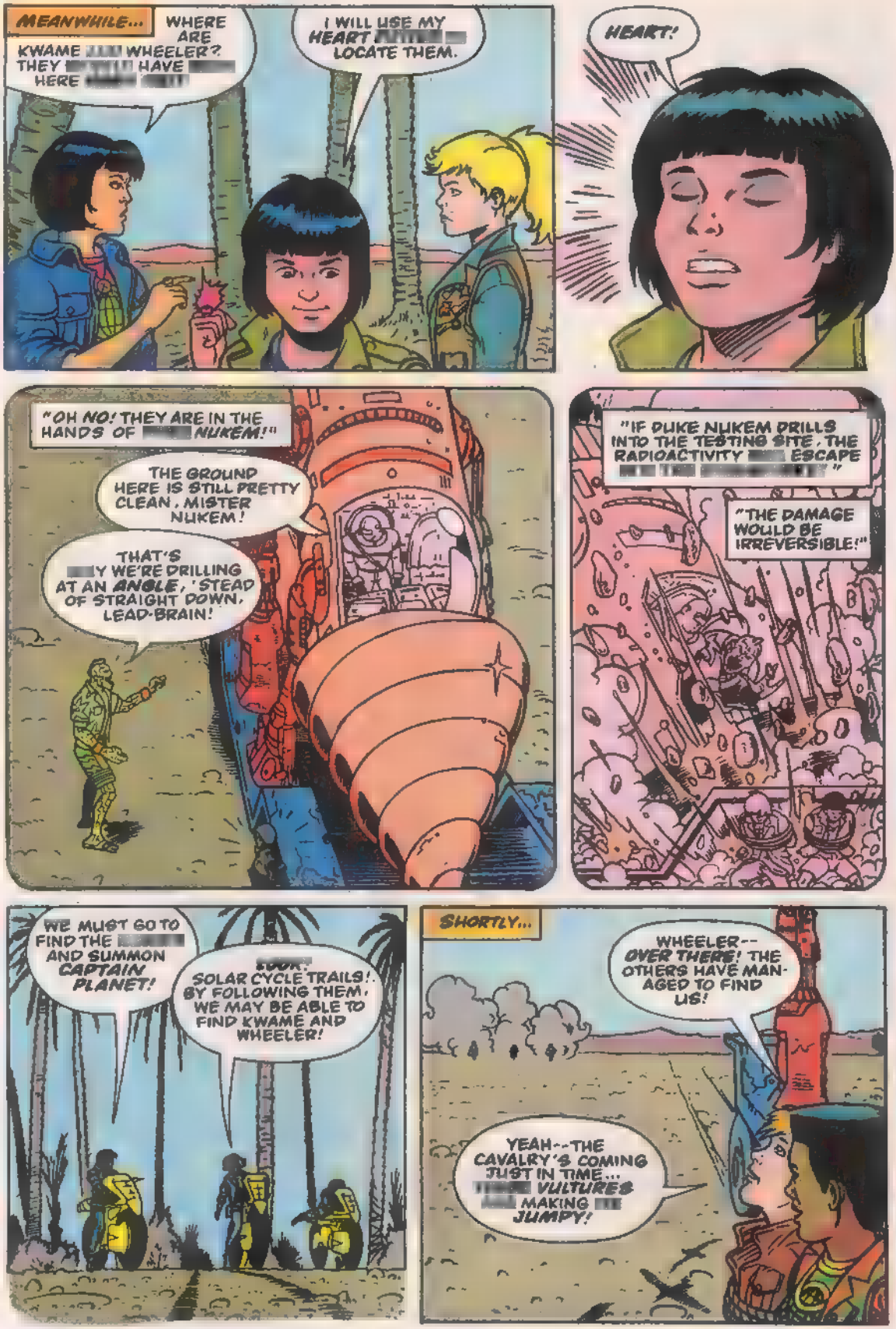
As we complete the seventh inning stretch of this Bullpen page, we are somehow put in the mind of ... baseball. This is probably a good time as any to check in with the Marvel softball team, the Punishers. This grim and gritty team, whose uniforms feature glow-in-the-dark gatefold holograms, lost their first game against local TV station WNET. Still, the Punishers put up a good fight, much like the fictional Punisher in pursuit of some perpetrators, keeping it competitive at 12-8. Team managers this year are managing editor "Diamond" **David Wohl** and editor **Rob** "The Babe" **Tokar**.

At the time of this writing, the Marvel team are gearing up for the first of three big games against uptown archrivals DC. After the way we humiliated the DC Batmen last year, it should be interesting to see what happens when the Batmen Return. (Sure, they always get multi-million dollar movies made, but can they compete where it really counts — on the softball field?)

And, in the field of television, one show which is sure to slide into first place soon is the syndicated **Dennis Miller** Show. Dennis did some colorful commentary about Marvel Comics of the late sixties on a recent episode of his late night talk-fest. It seems Dennis was a bigtime Marvelold in his bush league days. Thanks for going to bat for us, Dennis! You can be our designated talk show host any time!

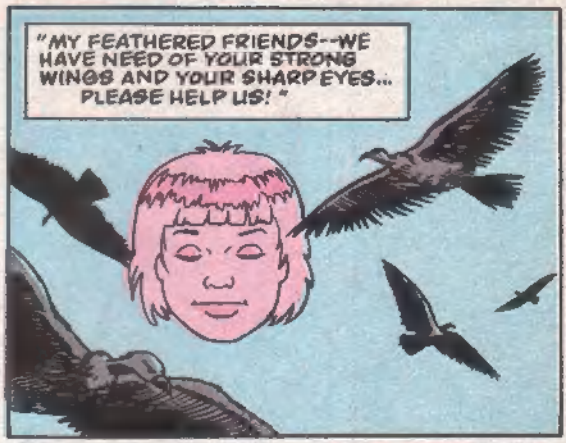
Looks like Mighty Marvel has not struck out with the fans this year. Our winning streak continues, and may make it all the way to the World Series of Comics! So until next time, remember — it ain't over till the Kingpin sings!

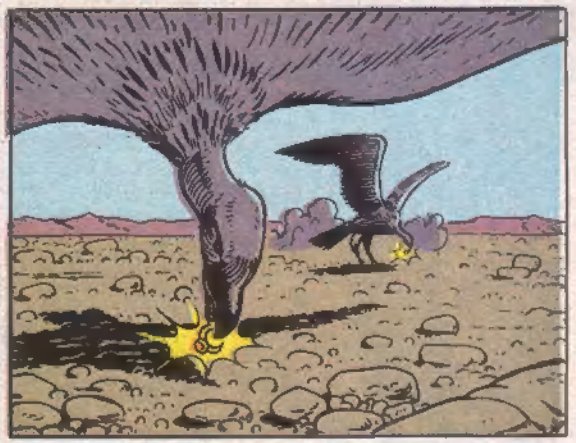

UNLESS MY FISSION DECEIVES ME, I'D SAY THIS YOUNG HOT- [redacted] STARTED THE TARPAULIN FIRE! SAW...
D-DUKE NUKEM! IT MUST HAVE BEEN THE RADIATION HE EMITS THAT WE DETECTED!
I'LL GIVE YOUR PUNKETEER PAL A LETHAL DOSE OF IT IF YOU DON'T HAND OVER YOUR [redacted] TO MY LEAD-BRAINED BUDDY!
THAT'S LEAD-SUIT, SIR!
DON'T DO IT, KWAME, HE'S BLUFFING!
AARGH!
I... DO NOT THINK SO, MY FRIEND!
CORRECTAMUNDO! YOU [redacted] GOOD SENSE-- FOR A [redacted]
LOSE THOSE RINGS, LEADSUIT- THEN TIE THIS PAIR UP! THEY WON'T RESIST, OR I'LL ROAST 'EM WITH X-RAYS!
WHAT'S THE SCAM, NUKEM? FISSION AROUND FOR FALL OUT LEAKS TO RE-CHARGE YOUR RADIATION-WARPED BODY?
MY PLAN'S MORE RAD THAN THAT!
I BUILT ME [redacted] MACHINE TO MAKE MY [redacted] LEAKS!
IT DRILLS ME RIGHT DOWN TO THE CENTER [redacted] THE TEST SITE, WHERE I [redacted] SOAK UP RADIOACTIVITY--TILL I'M [redacted] MOST POWERFUL [redacted] EARTH!


MEANWHILE...
WHERE ARE KWAME [redacted] WHEELER? THEY [redacted] HAVE [redacted] HERE [redacted]
I WILL USE MY HEART [redacted] LOCATE THEM.
HEART!
"OH NO! THEY ARE IN THE HANDS OF [redacted] NUKEM!"
THE GROUND HERE IS STILL PRETTY CLEAN, MISTER NUKEM!
THAT'S [redacted]Y WE'RE DRILLING AT AN ANGLE, 'STEAD OF STRAIGHT DOWN, LEAD-BRAIN!
"IF DUKE NUKEM DRILLS INTO THE TESTING SITE, THE RADIOACTIVITY [redacted] ESCAPE [redacted]"
"THE DAMAGE WOULD BE IRREVERSIBLE!"
WE MUST GO TO FIND THE [redacted] AND SUMMON CAPTAIN PLANET!
[redacted] SOLAR CYCLE TRAILS! BY FOLLOWING THEM, WE MAY BE ABLE TO FIND KWAME AND WHEELER!
SHORTLY...
WHEELER--OVER THERE! THE OTHERS HAVE MANAGED TO FIND US!
YEAH--THE CAVALRY'S COMING JUST IN TIME... [redacted] VULTURES [redacted] MAKING [redacted] JUMPY!

AND SO...
NOW THAT YOU ARE FREE, WE CAN SUMMON CAPTAIN PLANET, DA?
NYET, LINKA! OUR RINGS ARE GONE! NUKEM'S SIDEKICK LEADSUIT THREW THEM INTO THE DESERT!

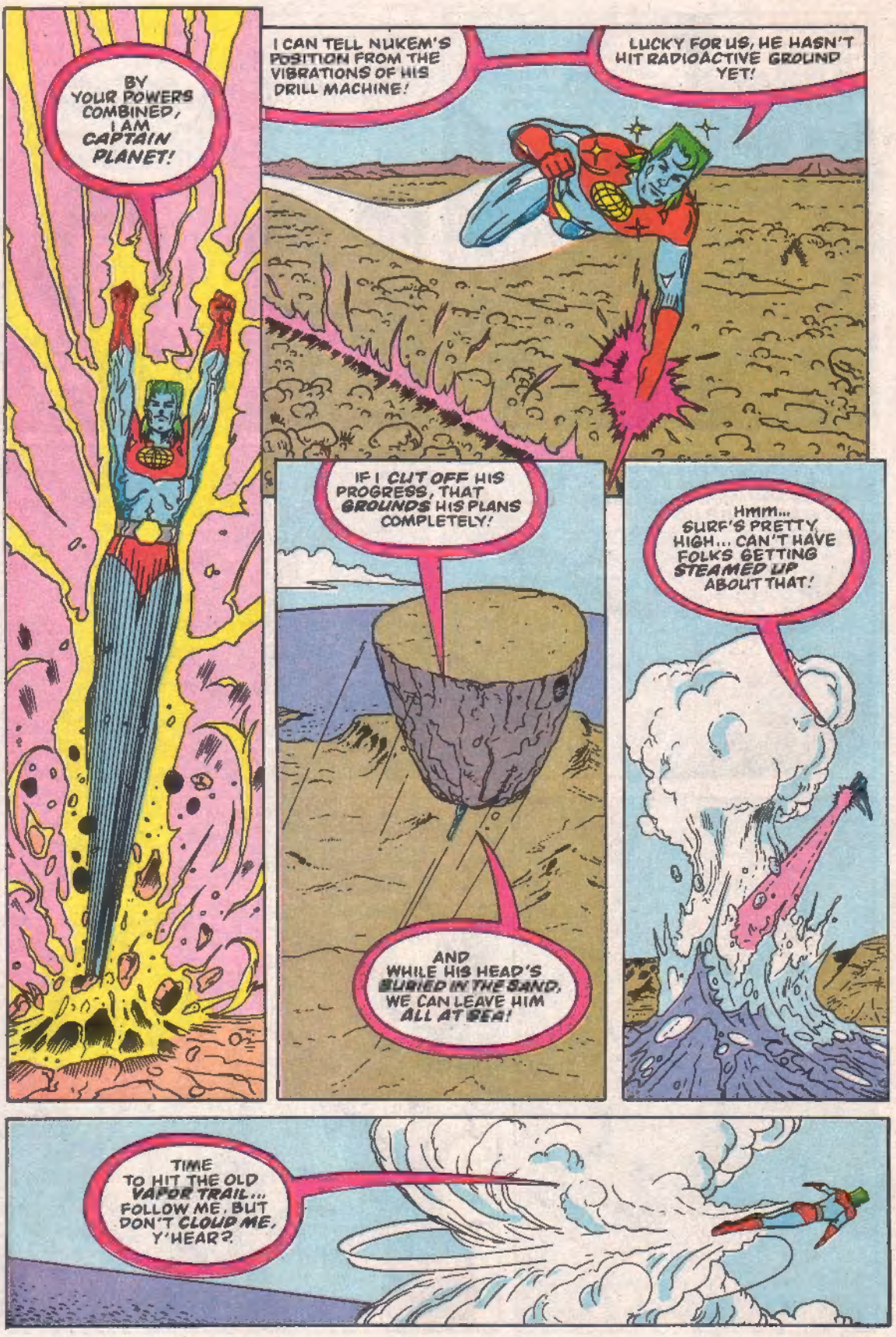
BUT OUR POWERS ALONE AREN'T ENOUGH TO STOP DUKE NUKEM! WE NEED CAPTAIN PLANET!
PLANETEERS-- YOU MUST HAVE HEART!

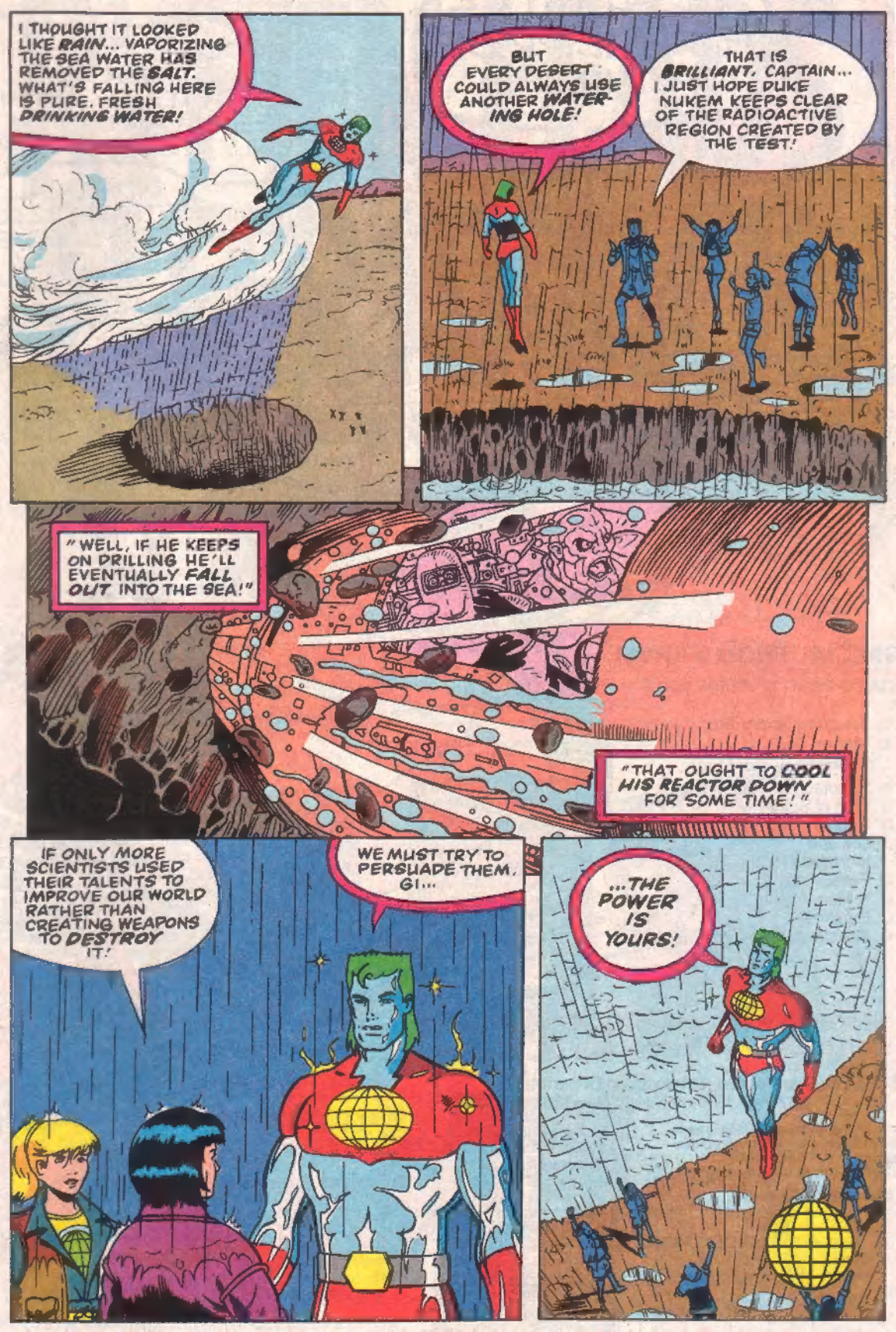

"MY FEATHERED FRIENDS--WE HAVE NEED OF YOUR STRONG WINGS AND YOUR SHARP EYES... PLEASE HELP US!"



DO THEY STILL MAKE YOU NERVOUS, WHEELER?
SOMETIMES IT'S EASY TO FORGET THAT WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME SIDE!

NOW THAT WE HAVE OUR RINGS, LET OUR POWERS COMBINE...
EARTH!
FIRE!
WIND!
WATER!
HEART!


BY YOUR POWERS COMBINED, I AM CAPTAIN PLANET!
I CAN TELL NUKEM'S POSITION FROM THE VIBRATIONS OF HIS DRILL MACHINE!
LUCKY FOR US, HE HASN'T HIT RADIOACTIVE GROUND YET!
IF I CUT OFF HIS PROGRESS, THAT GROUNDS HIS PLANS COMPLETELY!
AND WHILE HIS HEAD'S BURIED IN THE SAND, WE CAN LEAVE HIM ALL AT SEA!
Hmm... SURF'S PRETTY HIGH... CAN'T HAVE FOLKS GETTING STEAMED UP ABOUT THAT!
TIME TO HIT THE OLD VAPOR TRAIL... FOLLOW ME, BUT DON'T CLOUD ME, Y'HEAR?


I THOUGHT IT LOOKED LIKE RAIN... VAPORIZING THE SEA WATER HAS REMOVED THE SALT. WHAT'S FALLING HERE IS PURE, FRESH DRINKING WATER!
BUT EVERY DESERT COULD ALWAYS USE ANOTHER WATERING HOLE!
THAT IS BRILLIANT, CAPTAIN... I JUST HOPE DUKE NUKEM KEEPS CLEAR OF THE RADIOACTIVE REGION CREATED BY THE TEST!
"WELL, IF HE KEEPS ON DRILLING HE'LL EVENTUALLY FALL OUT INTO THE SEA!"
"THAT OUGHT TO COOL HIS REACTOR DOWN FOR SOME TIME!"
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